Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management Texas State Operations Center

Situation Awareness
Brief

Friday, January 2nd 2015 As of 0900 CST

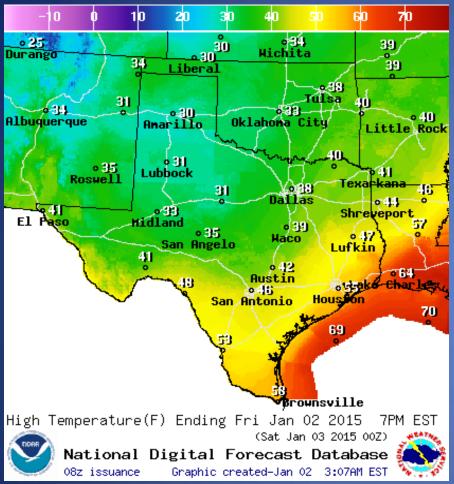
Incidents Reported to the State Operations Center (last 24 hours)

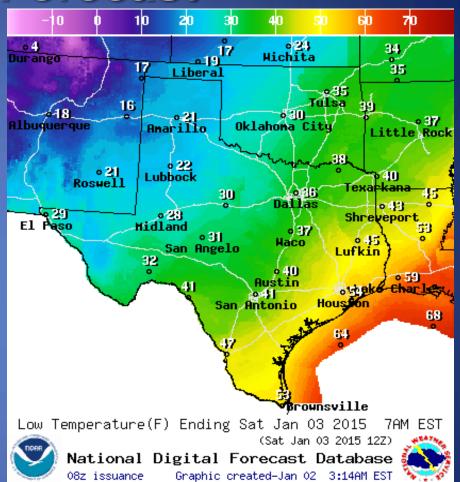
DATE	EVENT / INCIDENT	LOCATION (City/County)	Final Report: Y/N
01/01/15	Initial Report of a Truck Tractor Trailer Semi Accident and Road Closure (US-287)	Wilbarger County	Ν
01/01/15	Final Report of a Truck Tractor Trailer Semi Accident and Road Closure (US-287)	Wilbarger County	Υ
01/02/15	Initial Report of Road Closure (US 84)	Taylor and Coleman Counties	N

Informational Products Distributed by the State Operations Center

DATE	SUBJECT	
01/01/15	FEMA Region 6 Daily Situation Awareness Report	
01/01/15	NWS El Paso Significant Weather Briefing	
01/01/15	NWS Norman Winter Weather Briefing 7:30pm	
01/02/15	Weather Update - NWS Lubbock Weather Briefing, 845 pm, Thursday	
01/02/15	NWS Midland: Winter Storm Warning	
01/02/15	FEMA Region 6 Daily Situation Awareness Briefing	
01/02/15	Daily NWS Threat Brief for Friday, January 2, 2015 for FEMA Region 6	

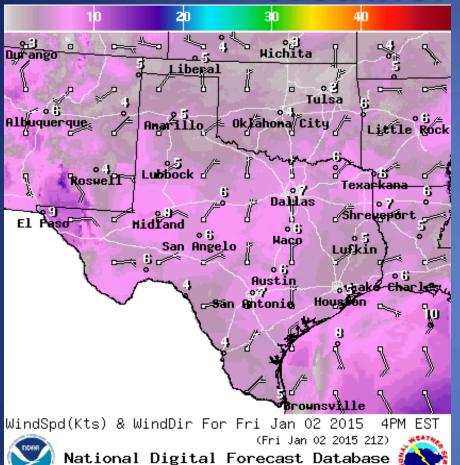
Weather Forecast





Highs

Lows

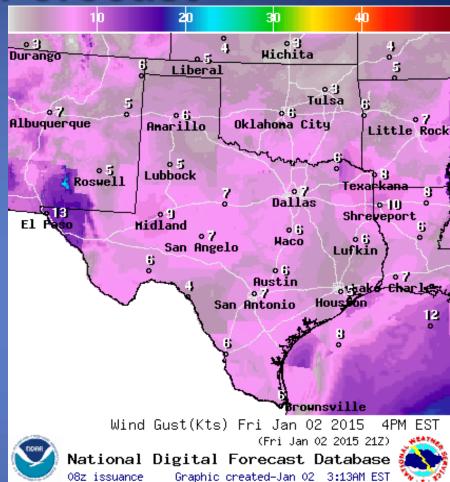


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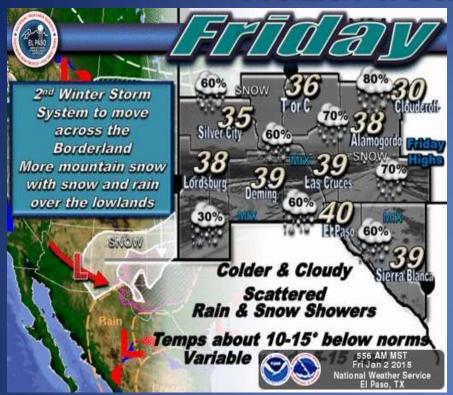
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Weather Forecast



Gusts



Another upper level storm system will pass over the Borderland today. Temperatures are cool enough to allow for scattered to numerous snow showers over all elevations above 4500 feet, with a mix of rain and snow below this elevation. Winter Weather advisories are in place for all lowland counties through this evening. Travel may become dangerous so check road conditions and use caution. Continued below normal temperatures with a mix of cloudy and partly sunny conditions.



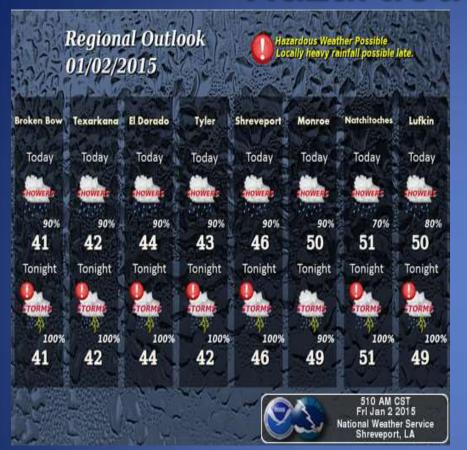
A strong winter storm will affect the entire area through Saturday morning. Hazards will range from nearly an inch of ice across the Rolling Plains to 4-6 inches of snow in the Northwestern South Plains and Southwestern Panhandle. In between, a mix of both is expected. The initial activity will focus on freezing rain and sleet today. A change to sleet then slow is expected this evening. Highs are expected to remain in the upper 20s today. Travel is not recommended. If you thought road conditions were bad this week, it will get worse before it gets better.

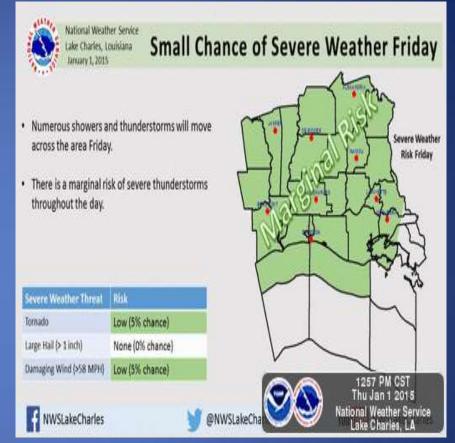


Areas of light rain and some light freezing rain will continue across much of North Texas through late this morning. The freezing rain will be confined to an area generally along and west of a Bowie to Comanche line through late morning. Areas east of there will see all rain. Any icing will be confined to mainly exposed metal surfaces and grassy surfaces. No travel impacts are expected through late this morning.



The highest ice accumulations will likely be over western north Texas and southwestern Oklahoma.





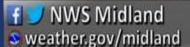
Winter Storm Warning



In Effect:

Through 6am CST Saturday (01/03/2015)

- * Predominantly freezing rain, with light snow or sleet also possible over southeast New Mexico
- * Ice accumulations will make travel difficult and dangerous
- * Only travel if you must!





400 AM CST Fri Jan 2 2015 National Weather Service Midland/Odessa, TX

Very dangerous winter weather will continue to impact southeast New Mexico and West Texas through Saturday morning, with potentially significant ice accumulations across the southeastern half of the area. Road conditions Friday and Friday night will only get worse, so please stay home if you can. Travel will be very dangerous.

Winter Storm Warning

Timing: Through 6 AM Saturday

Occasional light freezing rain will become heavier and more extensive this evening...developing from west to east.

MPACTS:



Extremely hazardous driving conditions on Icy Roads

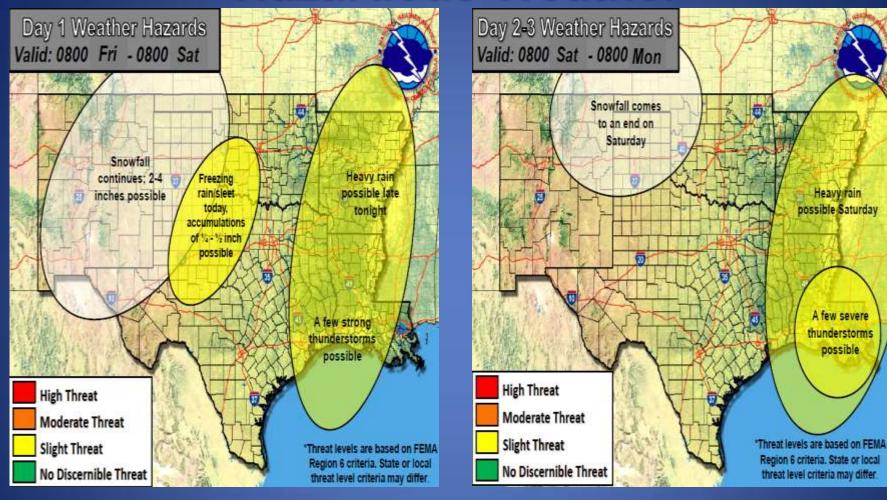


BRIDGES and OVERPASSES will be especially treacherous.





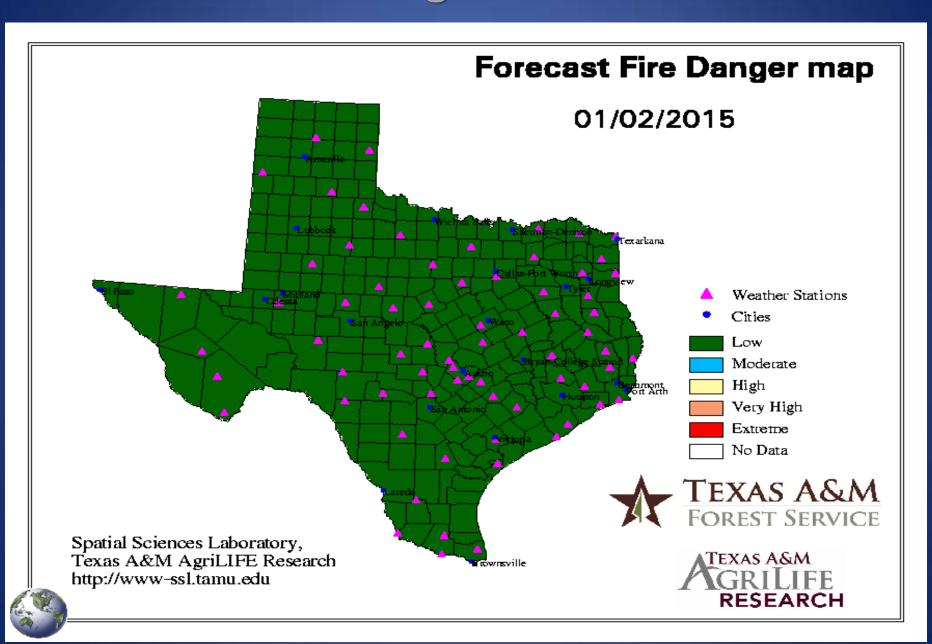
Light freezing drizzle and rain will continue from the Concho Valley north into the Big Country today as temperatures remain near or slightly below freezing. A large area of heavier freezing rain will develop in the Permian Basin this afternoon and spread east into the Concho Valley and Big Country this evening. Freezing rainfall amounts could reach 1/2 inch, especially in the Big Country where temperatures will be in the upper 20s tonight.



Weather Warning/Advisories Issued

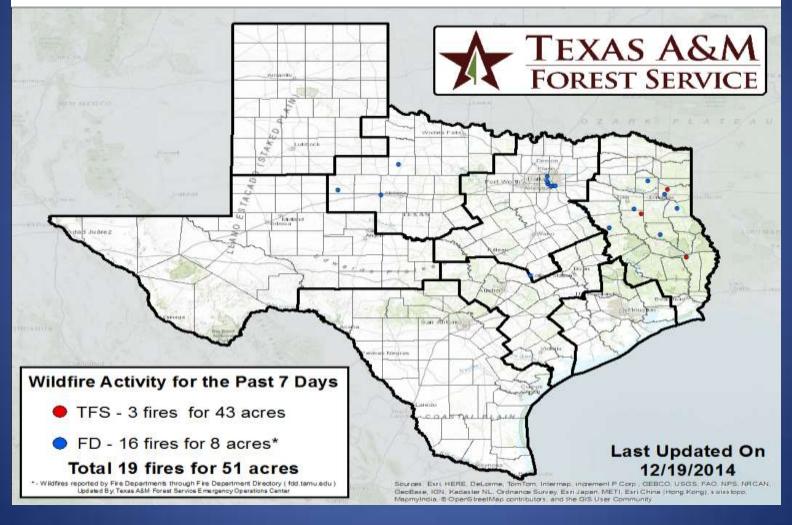
DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
01/02/15	Winter Storm Warning	Parmer, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Childress, Motley, Cottle, Dickens, King, Kent, and Stonewall, Fisher, Nolan, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, Crockett, Schleicher, Haskell, Throckmorton, Jones, Schackelford, Taylor, Callahan, and Coleman Counties

Fire Danger Forecast



Fire Activity (*Last 24 Hours)

Reports 0 (no change) fires and 0 (no change) acres destroyed this year. There are 54 (no change) counties with burn bans. The Keetch-Byram Drought Index list 24 (no change) counties with an average over 400.



Statewide Significant Events

DATE(S)		LOCATION	EVENT
01/02/15	01/11/15	Houston	Houston International Boat Show